

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M: 31-2  
(date entered 5-4-80)

1. Name: Hardy House/"Mount Calvert"

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 31/2

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 16  
I-18

4. Address: 2650 Cory Terrace, Wheaton

## 5. Classification Summary

Category buildingOwnership privatePublic Acquisition N/AStatus occupiedAccessible noPresent use private residencePrevious Survey Recording M-NCPPCTitle and Date: 1976 Inventory of  
Historical SitesFederal      State x County x Local     

6. Date: c. 1860

7. Original Owner: John Hardy

## 8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This five bay by four bay, two-and-a-half story house sits on brick & stone foundation. It sits on a low hill, surrounded by a subdivision, facing south. The original three bay two-and-a-half story structure has been enlarged by a north ell and east and west one story wings. The south (front) porch has a flat roof with decorative railing supported by four square gigantic wooden posts. There are six-over-six double-hung windows flanked by black aluminum louvered shutters. On the west elevation there is a one story bay window. The house has an intersecting gable roof with grey asbestos shingles.

10. Significance: The Hardy House is one of the few mid-19th century houses remaining in lower Montgomery County, and is a reminder of the agricultural economy which once existed there.

John Hardy arranged to buy 230 acres of "Hermitage" from George J. Calvert in 1838; however, legal entanglements held up a final sale until 1851. Hardy built the present house by about 1860, adding to his holdings, until at his death he owned 277 acres, which he called Mt. Calvert. His son Thomas received the land, and sold the house and 85 acres in 1895.

The house and 40 acres were then sold to Augustus M.B. Smith, who farmed the land and lived in the four room house until 1941, when it was purchased by William and Mary Hale Kingswell. They added water, electricity, and two wings, living there 16 years and subdividing the surrounding farmland. The Donley Construction Company further subdivided the property and sold the house to the present owners in 1960.

11. Researcher and date researched: Eileen McGuckian

Candy Reed  
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation  
Approval     

15. Acreage: 31,140 sq. ft.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 31/2

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Hardy House -- "Mount Calvert"

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

2650 Cory Terrace

CITY, TOWN

Wheaton

☒ VICINITY OF Glenmont

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Edward and Irene Ritzell

Telephone #: 946-0402

STREET &amp; NUMBER

2650 Cory Terrace

CITY, TOWN

Wheaton

☒ VICINITY OF Glenmont

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20902

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 2698

Folio #: 216

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This five bay by four bay, two-and-a-half story house sits on a low hill, surrounded by a subdivision, facing south.

Built on brick and fieldstone foundations, this frame house has grown over the years. The original three-bay, two-and-a-half story house faced south. A north ell was added, and the house was enlarged still further by a two-bay addition at the north end. East and west wings were added to the original section sometime in the past thirty years. The house now has white aluminum siding.

The south (front) porch has a flat roof with a decorative railing supported by four gigantic square wooden posts. The south door is wooden paneled and is flanked by four light sidelights and surmounted by a fanlight. There is a one-story sunroom with a shed roof on the east elevation. This faces on to the patio where there is a grape arbor. There is an east glass and wooden paneled door at the north end of the north ell. Sliding glass doors face north and open into the sunroom.

There are six-over-six double-hung windows throughout the house flanked by black aluminum louvered shutters. On the west elevation (north ell) there is a one-story bay window.

The house has an intersecting gable roof with gray asbestos shingle. There are east, west, and north interior end chimneys.

The south door opens into a central hall. An open string, double-run stairway constructed of pine ascends along the east wall. It has a simple newel post and square balusters. East of the hall is the study and west of the hall is the drawing room. North of the drawing room is the old kitchen, now a family room, and north of it is the kitchen.

The floors have random width boards, and the walls and ceilings are plaster over lath. There are molded door surrounds. The original double wooden paneled doors have been replaced. The original kitchen has a wide brick fireplace with the original spit still in place.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW		
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hardy House is one of the few mid-19th century homes remaining in lower Montgomery County, and is a reminder of the agricultural economy which once existed there.

In 1838, George H. Calvert of Prince George's County agreed to sell John Hardy 230 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres of land, part of "Hermitage", for \$7.50 per acre, a total of \$1,760.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Calvert died shortly after making this agreement. In 1844, Hardy filed a complaint, alleging that although after making this agreement he "entered into possession of the aforesaid land" with the permission of George Calvert and had since paid the full amount due for the purchase, Calvert's heirs had "declined and omitted to convey...the land and premises". Seven years later, the Court appointed Richard Johns Bowie trustee for the purpose of conveying the land to John Hardy via a "good and sufficient deed". Throughout the proceedings, there is no mention of improvements on the land.<sup>1</sup>

Hardy by 1865 had constructed a dwelling on the property, for it appeared on the 1865 Map of Montgomery County, and he was assessed for household furniture as well as livestock in 1866.<sup>2</sup> In 1879 and 1882, Hardy added to his land holdings, and in the latter year he petitioned to resurvey part of "The Hermitage". A patent was issued by the Maryland General Assembly for 227 acres, which he called "Mount Calvert".<sup>3</sup>

After Hardy's death, and following an equity suit, the land was conveyed to his son Thomas.<sup>4</sup> In 1895, Thomas in turn sold 85 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres to Mary DeS. Hardy for \$1,049.20,<sup>5</sup> who sold the house and 40 acres to Augustus M.B. Smith. Smith farmed the land, and lived in the four-room house for many years, then sold the property to Henry H. Glassie, Jr. in 1941.<sup>6</sup> William and Mary Hale Kingswell purchased it from Glassie two months later; the Kingswells added water, electricity, and two wings to the original house.<sup>7</sup>

The Kingswells lived there for 16 years, and subdivided the surrounding farmland, selling the house to the Donley Construction Co., Inc.<sup>8</sup> Donley further subdivided the property, and sold the house to the present owners in 1960.

## FOOTNOTES:

see Attachment Sheet A

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land and Assessment, Records of Montgomery County, Md.

Maps: Martinet & Bond (1865)

Hopkins Atlas (1879)

U.S. Census Records.

Information from: Irene Ritzell, Henry Glassie, Jr., & Mary Hale  
Kingswell (1978).

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 31,140 sq. ft.

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Lot 11, Block L, Kingswell Subdivision  
Recorded in Plat 61/5171

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Eileen McGuckian

Candy Reed

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

May 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Hardy House -- "Mount Calvert"

FOOTNOTES:

1. Montgomery County Equity Records, #72-1851 (filed July 3, 1844).  
Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., STS 3/248; STS 5/509  
(September 6, 1851).
2. Assessment Records, 1866.
3. Land Records, op. cit., EBP 20/375 (July 11, 1879); EBP 28/182  
(February 28, 1822); JA 13/44 (Patent Recorded February 9, 1895).
4. Ibid., JA 49/162 (April 26, 1895).
5. Ibid., TD 8/457 (Made May 27, 1895; Recorded July 17, 1899).
6. Ibid., 817/318 (March 29, 1941).
7. Ibid., 827/455 (May 29, 1941); Interview with Henry Glassie.
8. Ibid., Plat 57/4663 (August 1956); 2417/528 (December 31, 1957).

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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Maryland

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☐ SCIENTIFIC  
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# 7 DESCRIPTION

M: 31-2

## CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a two-story, frame house (with several additions) that is now surrounded by a subdivision. The main block of the building is a three-bay part that runs east to west. The central door is in the south facade, and it has an elliptical fan-light and side-lights. The entrance is framed with an open, two-story, flat-roofed portico, that is topped with a balustrade. Windows are 6/6. There are large chimney stacks inside the east and west-end walls. A telescoping, two-part wing extends from the NW corner of the main house. The entire yard is landscaped with numerous boxwoods, azaleas, etc.

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## PERIOD

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of the very, very few old farmhouses remaining in the expansive, suburban Wheaton area. The Hardy family had a farm here as early as the mid-19th Century. This house was reportedly built by them about 1870. They were quite active in local affairs. An account of them and the house was reportedly published in the personnel magazine of Johns Hopkins, about 10 or 15 years ago. The proud owner of the house at that time was an employee of Hopkins.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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- 1) Johns Hopkins personnel magazine? (10-15 yrs. ago.)
- 2) Getty, Mildred. "History of Wheaton", MONT. CO. STORY,  
Mont. Co. Historical Society.

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ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

8/21/75

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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